

Appl. No. 09/899,977

Amdt. dated 05 May 2008

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amdt. dated 28 April 2008

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of 28 April 2008, the status identifier for claim 185 has been changed to reflect the currently amended status of the claim. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment is now in compliance with the rules of practice.

Through this amendment, all non-allowed claims have been cancelled. Allowable claims have been either written in independent form, or the subject matter included in the base claim and the dependent claim cancelled.

New claims 209-214 and 215-220 have been added to provide the same claim coverage as provided by claims 172/173 and 185/186, respectively, which originally depended from now cancelled base claims.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance. If the examiner is of the opinion that this case is in condition for disposition other than through allowance, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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